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SUMMARY: DURING JUNE 12-14 MEETING IN ISTANBUL, SCIENCE
COMMITTEE WAS BRIEFED ON STATUS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
IN TURKEY, DISCUSSED FOLLOW-UP TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY
COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE, AND NOTED REPORTS LISTED IN
AGENDA (REF A). FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO AGENDA
ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS: ASYG OZDAS ASKED COMMITTEE TO
APPROVE STATEMENT (TEXT SEPTTEL) ADDRESSED TO NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL REQUESTING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASE
IN THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE BUDGET (REFS D & E). X(COMMENT:
INTERNATIONAL STAFF DRAFTED AND PRESENTED THE STATEMENT
IN EFFORT TO ASSURE SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED INCREASE WHEN
FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET IS CONSIDERED BY CIVIL BUDGET
COMMITTEE). IZDAS ALSO REQUESTED COOPERATION OF
COMMITTEE IN NOMINATING GOOD CANDIDATES TO FILL VANCAN-
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CIES ON SUBSIDIARY BODIES. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS TO
THESE BODIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT OCTOBER MEETING.

2. ITEM II: PRESENTATION BY TURKISH OFFICIALS. DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER FEYZIOGLU STRESSED THAT NATO MUST TAKE
ENERGETIC STEPS TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE II OF THE NORTH
ATLANTIC TREATY. GREATER ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND

CULTURAL COOPERATION MUST BE ACHIEVED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ALLIANCE'S COMMON VALUES. IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPING NATO COUNTRIES NEED MORE HELP FROM THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE NON-MILITARY SPHERE. IT WOULD BE UNHEALTHY TO ALLOW VAST DIFFERENCES IN THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL LEVELS OF ALLIES TO PERSIST. PROFESSOR DOGRUSOZ REPORTED ON THE MAJOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE (ERGIN) REVIEWED THE STATUS OF EARTH SCIENCES IN TURKEY. ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 12, THE COMMITTEE VISITED THE MARMARA SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR BRIEFINGS AND AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THE INSTITUTE'S DIRECTORATE. SEVERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE INSTITUTE TO FIND WAYS TO KEEP THE STAFF INNOVATIVE BY ASSURING THE REGULAR INFUSION OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS.

3. ITEM III. FOLLOW-UP TO COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE. DASYG HEMILY REPORTED ON THE NUMEROUS FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE AND SUMMARIZED THE POINTS MADE IN THE CHAIRMAN'S MEMO, ASG.SEA(78)099 (REF F). REACTING TO SOME OF THE BROAD-GUAGED SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES MENTIONED IN PARA 3(B) OF THE MEMO, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (RAB) WARNED THAT THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE MUST TAKE CARE TO PRESERVE ITS DISTINCT PROFILE AS AN ACTION-UNCLASSIFIED

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ORIENTED BODY. SOME OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED IN THE MEMO WERE ATTACKED BY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION; THE COMMITTEE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PROBLEMS OF DIRECT COGENCY TO NATO. THE BELGIAN REP (TEYSSIE) SAID THE COMMITTEE SHOULD AVOID PROJECTS WHICH WERE TOO TECHNOLOGICALLY-ORIENTED OR SHORT-TERM. PERHAPS THE COMMITTEE COULD SEEK WAYS TO STIMULATE INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN NATO COUNTRIES. THE NORWEGIAN REPRESENTATIVE (FINN LIED) SUPPORTED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND ADVOCATED THAT THE COMMITTEE FOCUS ON AREAS WHERE IT CAN DO SOMETHING POSITIVE. INVOLVEMENT IN GLOBAL PROBLEMS COULD ONLY LEAD TO UNHELPFUL GENERAL CONCLUSIONS.

4. WHILE THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE (OLGAARD) BELIEVED THE LIST OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTIVITIES MUST BE LIMITED, HE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CONVENE CONFERENCES OR ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES TO DESCRIBE THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ART WITH REGARD TO THE CO2 PROBLEM OR TO ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHY ENERGY MODELS COME TO SUCH DIFFERENT RESULTS AND WHAT THEIR

USES ARE. THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE (PESTEL) ADDED THAT THE TOPIC OF RISK ASSESSMENT MERITED CONSIDERATION BY A CONFERENCE. FURTHERMORE, HE WAS MORE INCLINED TO ENCOURAGE THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE TO TACKLE GLOBAL, INTERDISCIPLINARY PROBLEMS IN THE HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRAMS COULD OFFER GUIDANCE TO POLICY-MAKERS, WHO MUST ACT IN THE FACE OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY, AND COULD SUGGEST SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS GENERATED BY SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES.

5. HE UK REPRESENTATIVE (EDWARDS) RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMITTEE PROCEED BY
-- A) STUDYING ITS PRESENT PROGRAMS TO SEE WHERE
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REFORM OR CHANGE WERE CALLED FOR;
-- B) DRAWING UP A LIST OF POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD PURSUE ALONG WITH AN ESTIMATE OF THE FUNDING NEEDED TO SUPPORT THEM ADEQUATELY.
-- C) SUBMITTING A REPORT TO THE NAC WITH A REQUEST THAT THE COUNCIL DECIDE WHAT ACTIVITIES IT WISHED TO GO FORWARD.

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THE COMMITTEE SUPPORTED THE UK REPRESENTATIVE'S SUG-

GESTED PROCEDURE AND OZDAS ASKED THE AD HOC GROUP HEADED BY THE DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE (STUYT) TO PREPARE A REPORT, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PRESENT PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES, FOR THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER IN OCTOBER.

6. ITEM IV - FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

THE REPORT WAS NOTED. AFTER REVIEWING THE REPORT ON HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM AT OCTOBER MEETING, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER OFFERING FURTHER GUIDANCE.

7. ITEM V - RESEARCH GRANTS.

REFERRING TO PARA 15 OF AC/137-D/660, THE DANISH REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE PANELS SHOULD RECOMMEND SELECTION OF SPECIFIC NATIONALITIES TO FILL VACANCIES. THE CHAIRMAN AGREED.

8. ITEM VI. SENIOR SCIENTISTS

SCIENCE DIVISION OFFICER (DILULLO) ANNOUNCED THAT STANDING COMMITTEE WOULD CONVENE AFTER COMMITTEE MEETING ADJOURNED TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM.
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9. ITEM VII. ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE BE MORE ACTIVE IN CHOSSING PROBLEMS AND PERSONNEL FOR THE INSTITUTES IN ORDER TO ASSURE SHARPER FOCUS ON NATO CONCERNS. DIVISON OFFICER (KESTER) REPLIED THAT IF COMMITTEE SUGGESTED TOPICS, INTERNATIONAL STAFF COULD BE MORE INVOLVED IN PREPARATION OF INSTITUTES. HOWEVER, TO AVOID POSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST FOR THE STAFF, HE STRESSED THAT SCIENCE COMMITTEE SHOULD SUGGEST TOPICS AND JUDGE PROPOSALS.

10. POINTING TO PARAS 4-6 OF D/664, THE FRG REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE PANEL WAS DEALING WITH POLICY QUESTIONS (E.G. HONORARIA) THAT SHOULD BE DECIDED BY COMMITTEE. THE CHAIRMAN RULED THAT THESE PARAGRAPHS BE REPHRASED TO PRESENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE NOTED REPORT ON ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES.

11. ITEM VII-SPECIAL PROGRAM PANELS. ALL REPORTS WERE NOTED. WITH REGARD TO THE AIR-SEA INTERACTION PANEL (C). DI LULLO REPORTED ITS KEY ROLE IN FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THE UPCOMING JASIN 78 AIR-SEA INTERACTION EXPERIMENT, SPONSORED BY UK ROYAL SOCIETY. WITH REGARD TO PARA 4 OF THE HUMAN FACTORS

PANEL (E) REPORT, OZDAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE SCIENCE DIVISION WILL FIRST INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALTERNATIVE PUBLISHING TECHNOLOGY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

AT SUGGESTION OF OZDAS, COMMITTEE AGREED TO REVIEW
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REPORTS ON HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF COMMITTEE PROGRAMS AT OCTOBER MEETING ALONG WITH THE REPORT TO BE DRAFTED BY AD HOC GROUP ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE COMMEMORATION CONFERENCE.

OZDAS ALSO NOTED THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAD RECEIVED OUTLINE OF CCMS SEISMOLOGY PILOT STUDY WHICH HAD CLEAR-CUT SCIENTIFIC ASPECTS. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE (ERGIN) WELCOMED THE STUDY AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE SCIENCE COMMITTEE PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT. THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE (COCKBURN) AGREED THAT STUDY PRESENTED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TWO NATO COMMITTEES TO COOPERATE.

13. ITEM X-DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS. DATES OF OCTOBER 2-3 AND FEBRUARY 1-2 WERE APPROVED.

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